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Wool Production

Utah: wool production totaled 2.2 million pounds during 2005, down slightly from 2004, according to the Utah Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Total sheep shorn during 2005, at 235,000 head, was 4 percent below the 2004 level. The 2005 average fleece weight was 9.3 pounds. The 2005 average price of wool in Utah was \$0.71 per pound, 12 cents below the 2004 price. Total value of all wool produced during 2005 was \$1.5 million dollars, a decrease of \$320,000 from 2004.

United States: Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was \$0.71 per pound for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.